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LETTER DATED 12 JUNE 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PAKISTAN ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT ISSUED BY PAKISTAN'S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON 11 JUNE 1998 REGARDING PAKISTAN'S PROPOSAL FOR RESUMPTION OF DIALOGUE WITH INDIA

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a statement issued by Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 11 June 1998 regarding Pakistan's proposal for resumption of dialogue with India which may kindly be circulated as an official document of the Conference.

(Signed) Munir Akram
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE PAKISTAN MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON JUNE 11, 1998

"Pakistan's desire to engage constructively in a substantive and a result oriented dialogue with India has repeatedly been affirmed by the Prime Minister.

Accordingly, the Foreign Secretary today, officially conveyed to the Indian High Commissioner, Pakistan's proposal for resumption of Pakistan-India dialogue on the basis of the agreement reached on 23 June, 1997 between the two sides.

Pakistan has proposed that in view of the current situation, the two sides should address, on a priority basis, the issues of Peace and Security and Jammu and Kashmir in the resumed talks.

Pakistan has also proposed that under the item pertaining to Peace and Security, special and urgent attention may be given to arriving at mutually agreed measures for the avoidance of conflict as well as promotion of nuclear and conventional restraint and stabilisation measures.

Pakistan believes that simultaneously with the bilateral dialogue the international community will remain engaged with the comprehensive political process of stabilisation of nuclearized South Asia and finding of a just settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute as promised by the P-5 Foreign Ministers in their Joint Communique issued in Geneva on June 4, 1998. The UN Security Council has also mandated the Secretary General to remain engaged in these efforts. In a letter addressed to the Prime Minister on June 10, the Secretary General has offered to encourage and facilitate this process. Islamabad now awaits the Secretary General's Personal Envoy's visit to Pakistan.